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August 5, 2002

Lawrence Norton General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 5279 (Melvin Scheinerman et. al)

Dear Mr. Norton:

This firm represents certain individuals who received the Commission's "reason to believe" notification in this matter. By this letter, I am seeking on their behalf an extension of the time for a response. Those individuals, whose designations of Counsel are attached, are:

Steve Silverman
Barbara Gellert
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Seth M. Kaplowitz
Joshua Kushner
Linda Laulicht
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The various individuals involved have received their notifications at different times, and all have considered their choices of legal counsel prior to arranging for the services of this firm. Some time has been required for these decisions to have been made. Moreover, now that counsel has been retained, we will be meeting with each of the individuals to explain the Commission process and the legal theory on which the "reason to believe" notification is based, and to review with each client the information requested by the Commission.

We anticipate that the better part of the following month, and some additional time in September, will be needed to counsel these clients and assist them with their response to the Commission. There are some 18 individuals in all, and none reside in Washington DC, where this firm is located. Counsel will travel to New Jersey in the month of August to meet with each of these individuals. As the Commission knows, August is a vacation month, and we cannot be sure that we will be able to arrange a meeting with each of the affected individuals in that month. The following month, September, presents some scheduling difficulties of its own, since some individuals may not be available until after Labor Day, and the Jewish holidays will complicate the availability of some others, as well.

For all of these reasons, we request an extension of time until September 15, 2002. We note also that should we have difficulties in arranging for advice and counsel to all affected respondents we represent, we will submit responses for those who could be properly counseled and assisted in this period, and we will request an additional extension for the others.

Very truly yours,

Robert F. Bauer

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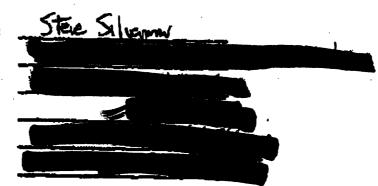
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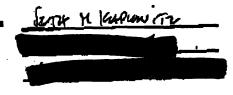
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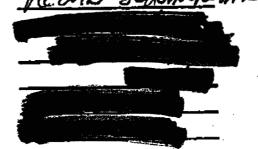
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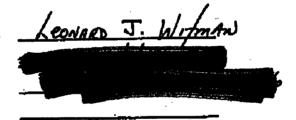
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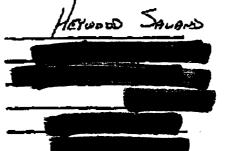
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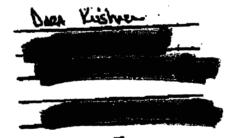
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